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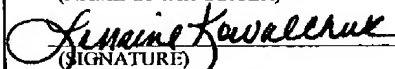
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Dear Madam:

Applicant submits this response to an Office Action mailed on April 15, 2004 (the "Office Action") with a shortened statutory 3-month period for response. A response to the Office Action is due no later than July 15, 2004. Thus, this response is being timely filed.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.